

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON
SENATE BILL 1148, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (AEN)

by

THOMAS L. TRAVIS
Administrator, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) *supports* Senate Bill 1148.

SB 1148 appropriates crucial funds for the Department of Agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

The floods resulting from severe weather, as well as the volcanic eruptions on the island of Hawaii (both in 2018), has left local ranchers and farmers statewide in a devastated position that is catastrophic not only for crops and lands but also to the industry's entire infrastructure. The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources reported losses in the amount of \$27,900,000 from the Kilauea eruptions and the National Weather Service estimated losses of \$19,700,000 due to severe weather on Oahu and Kauai. Financial recovery support is just one of the many things the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency believes in and these numbers indicate a clear need that aid must be provided.

The provision of grants and loans to those affected within the agriculture community would be essential.

Note: My comments represent HI-EMA concerns at the state emergency management level only. I would defer to the separate comment/testimonies of the county emergency management agencies, as they would be the jurisdictions impacted by this legislation at the local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to **SUPPORT** Senate Bill 1148.

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**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2019
1:20 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1148
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

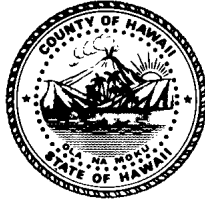
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 1148. This bill provides funding for grants and loans to ranchers and farmers affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of the bill provided it does not impact the department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget and offers the following comments.

The Department supports the concept of a dedicated agricultural disaster fund to quickly assist during times of emergencies. The Department recommends that the funding be placed in the agricultural loan program which already has available staffing as well as an emergency loan program with existing statutes and rules to carry out the intent in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard & Committee Members
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawai'i State Senate
Honolulu, Hawai'i

January 31, 2019

RE: SB1148 Relating to Agriculture

Dear Chair Gabbard and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit supportive testimony for SB1148 relating to agriculture. This bill proposes to provide State support in the form of grants and loans to local farmers and ranchers who experienced losses due disasters. The establishment of an agriculture disaster fund program would help to address the significant disasters experienced in 2018 on all islands.

Hawai'i Island producers were negatively impacted by Hurricane Lane which brought unprecedented rainfall and exceptional flooding which caused loss of crops, livestock, as well as destruction and damages to farm and ranch landscapes, roads, fences and building infrastructure.

The eruption of Kilauea caused over \$27.9 million in damage to crops, livestock and infrastructure. Perhaps more significant for impacted producers is many had their operation completely covered by lava tens of feet deep and now face years of effort and significant financial investment to restore their operations. Those eligible for payments from the federal government have found regulatory caps result in very limited recovery assistance. Federal and State loans may be precluded by existing debt, including loans taken out to recover from Hurricane Iselle four years prior, and the lack of collateral due to physical losses from the eruption.

Recovery for producers will be a long and expensive; thus, additional recovery options will be greatly appreciated. The State's expanded support of agriculture following disasters will contribute significantly to the overall resiliency and continued growth and development of this important portion of the economy.

The Committee on Agriculture and Environment's support of SB1448 would be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Ley".

Diane Ley

Director



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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Support of SB1148
Relating to Agriculture

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
February 1, 2019, 1:20 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) strongly supports SB1148, which appropriates funding to the Department of Agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Hawaii farmers were devastated in 2018 by statewide floods and volcanic eruptions on Hawaii Island. It is estimated that the severe weather on Kauai and Oahu resulted in \$19.7 million in losses for farmers while the Kilauea eruptions caused \$27.9 million in farm losses.

This bill will provide our local farmers with the financial support needed to rebuild and restore damaged farm infrastructure, crops, and land, and, ultimately, meet the State's goal to double food production and ensure sustainable food production systems.

Please vote yes on SB1148 to help local farmers succeed. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 6:56:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Testifying for Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 6:39:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suellen Barton	Testifying for Maui Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments:



Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

THE SENATE
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

Friday, February 1, 2019
1:20 p.m.
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SB1148 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE: Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA) **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 1148**

The Hawaii Floriculture and Ornamental Industry understands the recent hardships that are faced by nurserymen and women by forces that are outside of their control. We ask that you consider supporting this bill that supports our farmers and ranchers.

If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

Eric S. Tanouye
President

Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:22:25 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments:



January 29, 2019

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Support of SB 1148, Relating to Agriculture (Appropriates funds for the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.)

Friday, February 1, 2019, 1:20 p.m., in Conference Room 224

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of SB 1148** and of the various agricultural stakeholder groups who defend the goals of viable agricultural operations and the conservation and protection of agriculture, including important agricultural lands (IAL) in Hawaii.

SB 1148. This bill appropriates funds for the DOA to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

LURF's Position. LURF members include farmers and ranchers who own, maintain, and engage in agricultural enterprises, and who consider such assistance very helpful, if not critical to the conduct of their operations and to help sustain their businesses.

As this Committee is aware, in addition to the devastating costs and effects farmers and ranchers may suffer in connection with unavoidable natural disasters, the already unsustainable costs cast upon agricultural stakeholders by various safety and security standards, programs and regulations; onerous regulations relating to maintenance and operation of water systems and infrastructure; and growing and processing machinery

and facilities, are all proving to be potentially counterproductive to the long-term objective of sustainable agriculture.

The purpose of this bill is consistent with the underlying intent and objectives of the IAL laws (Hawaii Revised Statutes [HRS], Sections 205-41 to 52), which were enacted to fulfill the mandate in Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, “to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.”

LURF therefore appreciates the objective of SB 1148, which is to support agriculture and provide needed assistance to agriculture-related or agribusinesses operations. Passage of the long-awaited IAL legislation would be meaningless without implementation of such measures. The establishment of a disaster fund program for those ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters is critically needed to help support viable agricultural activity in this State.

By recognizing the significance of, and need to assist the local agriculture industry, and implement incentives and measures which help to support the growth and maintenance of agriculture in the State, this bill significantly helps to promote economically viable agriculture and food self-sufficiency in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of this measure.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:56:42 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Friday, February 1, 2019 at 1:20 p.m.

By
Nicholas Comerford
Dean, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
And
Michael Bruno
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellor for Research
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 1148 – RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1148 relating to agriculture. The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources supports with suggested amendments the intent of this bill and we respectfully provide the following information to substantiate our position.

2018 was a difficult year for agriculture. Torrential rains hurt the taro and ornamental plant industries on Kaua'i and O'ahu. Volcanic eruption decimated approximately 50% of the papaya industry and severely hurt the orchid industry, while also having a negative effect on the bee industry. Multiple hurricanes compounded the problems as did frequent wildfires. Hawai'i needs to be prepared for the certain eventuality that this is a foreboding of disasters to come as our climate continues to change due to human influence.

Disaster relief generally follows a pattern: (1) search and rescue, (2) emergency relief, (3) early recovery, (4) medium to long-term recovery, and (5) community development. These steps pertain to agriculture with the exception of the first. Steps 2 and 3 need to happen as quickly as possible. This bill addresses step 3 - early recovery by providing grants and loans. Steps 4 and 5, medium and long-term recovery and addressing the effect these disasters have on the community should also be of concern, however, these steps are not addressed in this bill.

The use of the proposed funding for grants and loans for farmers and ranchers is not clear. Are they to be used for survival after the losses suffered by the farmers and ranchers, and to pay for losses such as heads of cattle (emergency relief)? Or are they

to be used for getting their business up and going as soon as possible (early recovery); or both? Clarification on this issue would be useful.

We support the intent of this bill and offer the following suggested amendments:

- clarify the use of the grants and loans or
- state that that clarification of use is to be determined by the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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February 1, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 1148
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 224
1:20 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

2018 was a particularly difficult year for Hawaii's farmers and ranchers. The historic torrential rains and disastrous floods on Kauai and Oahu in April, the Kilauea eruption which caused devastation from lava and ash on Hawaii Island, Hurricane Lane and Tropical Storm Olivia were major natural disasters that had a drastic impact to Hawaii's agriculture industry. Unfortunately, Hawaii farmers and ranchers have been and will continually be impacted by damaging weather or natural disasters such as epidemic disease, pest outbreaks, high wind, thunderstorms, hurricanes, fire, flood, earthquakes, lava flow, vog or other volcanic activity, droughts, and tidal waves.

An Agricultural Disaster Funds Program that offers grants and loans would enable HDOA to quickly respond to agricultural emergencies by assisting farmers and ranchers with funding to help repair damaged infrastructure, replant crops, or replace equipment and supplies allowing them to continue farming or ranching.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important subject.



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP)

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019

TIME: 1:20 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

RE: SB 1148 Relating to Agriculture

Aloha mai kakou Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 1148 relating to Agriculture.**

SB 1148 appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Agriculture in our state must be preserved and its future strengthened. Enough prime agricultural lands must be maintained for the health, economic well-being and sustenance of the people. We believe in an integrated approach to agricultural innovation and sustainability. We encourage the responsible development of ocean resources and aquaculture to achieve sustainability in our State of our marine resources and ensure and improve the health of our reef and marine life.

This approach includes, but is not limited to, the adoption of the Native Hawaiian concept of ahupua`a, an integrated approach to land management. This could also include development of economic, land and ocean use policies that foster sustainable crops both for local consumption and for export, policies to foster agriculture-related infrastructure at shipping points, and increased inspection to protect against invasive species and to encourage reduced holding times. We need to ensure food safety, strive towards food security and strive to set the highest standards for food quality and nutrition. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 9, ln. 5-16.*

DPH demands the protection of the people of Hawai`i and their property against natural and man-made disasters. DPH believes in the science of climate change, affirm human activity as its primary cause and main driver, and support emergency preparedness and planning efforts to mitigate its impacts. This includes investment in early warning systems, emergency management and response systems, and adequate emergency sheltering. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 20, ln. 28-32.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., for the protection of the people of Hawai`i and their property against natural and man-made disasters, OCCLP supports SB 1148 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Mahalo nui loa
Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Hawai'i Food
Manufacturers Association
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Land Use Research
Foundation of Hawai'i
Malama Kaua'i
Maui School Garden
Network
Ulupono Initiative

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Friday, February 1, 2019 – 1:20 PM - Room 224

RE: SB 1148 - Relating to Agriculture – In Support

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **strongly supports SB 1148**, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disaster through an agricultural disaster funds program.

2018 was a tough year for many farmers and ranchers. Growers faced the brunt of the heavy rainfall, hurricanes, tropical storms and Kilauea eruptions, flooding many viable crops and displacing many ranchers. Agricultural losses reported from Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu totaled \$47,600,000, which emphasizes the dire need for these recovery funds to help our ranchers and farmers restore their livelihoods.

Based on the October 2018 “Farm Disaster Survey Results” conducted by the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, 87% of those surveyed indicated they are willing to start over and relocate.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

We respectfully request your support of SB 1148. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:02:58 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Shriner	Testifying for Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council	Support	No

Comments:

The Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council (SHAC) is a State of Hawaii non-profit trade organization. The three founding associations - the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association (HPIA), the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA), and the Hawaii Coffee Association (HCA) - represent close to 600 businesses, and 90 percent of their respective industry's production.

The bulk of our agricultural products come from the Big Island, devastated by both Kilauea and Hurricane Lane. A key part of recovery will be access to loans. Currently, the Department of Ag's standard loan program is fully encumbered. More money is desperately needed so our farmers can rebuild. Please support this program.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 5:03:27 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Winslow	Testifying for Hawaii Farmers Union	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/28/2019 5:56:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/29/2019 7:24:25 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha lawmakers.

I SUPPORT SB1148, which Appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Mahalo for protecting our small family farmers.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/29/2019 7:34:09 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I SUPPORT SB1148, which Appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Mahalo for protecting our small family farmers.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 8:46:50 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lawrence Ford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 2:33:52 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christian Zuckerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 2:45:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 2:46:18 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Reid	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 3:11:40 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
luann casey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 3:26:03 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As Hawaii is one of the most food and energy fragile places in the world, please support SB1148. We need to invest now in young farmers to give them the skills and support they need to feed us. And we definitely need to support those who are already farmers who have been impacted by the volcano, fires, and other disasters. Be pono. Vote for SB1148. Mahalo, Renée

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 3:44:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

We must support our farmers & ranchers especially when impacted by natural disasters!

Meanwhile let's make Hawaii Nei local grown food secure!!!

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 6:24:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jana Bogs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 8:07:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lin ter Horst	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 11:20:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 4:19:01 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Yarrow Flower](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:25:58 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Joni Kamiya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:56:38 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Robert Paull](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:22:26 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

As a faculty member of UHM CTAHR and as a private citizen, I support SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Natural disasters such as the Poamoho wild fire a few years back significant damage to our experiment station that was never made whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Laila Jayyousi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:57:31 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:53:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Hastings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:55:05 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:58:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
scott lacasse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:03:25 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eloise Engman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:26:21 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:36:20 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:42:18 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

When natural disaster strikes, farmers can be wiped out if they do not receive grants and loans to mitigate the disaster losses.

Please support SB1148.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:45:04 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Serena Kaldi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senator Gabbard, Senator Ruderman and the Agriculture and Environment Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB1148 to appropriate funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Farmers and ranchers are some of the most vulnerable citizens to natural disasters. The series of extreme natural events this past year, specifically through volcanic eruptions, wildfire, and flooding, have severely impacted our agricultural communities ability to produce, profit, and feed our state. Many of the farmers and ranchers that I know are already on the financial line between going under and just breaking even. A natural disaster can be the tipping point in causing a business to fail and putting that farmer or rancher out to pasture.

The ability to grow our own food on the most isolated land mass in the world is essential for Hawai'i's survival. In the event of a natural disaster, where a harbor may be shut down or destroyed, our population would rely solely on what is being farmed and ranched in our state. Giving farmers and ranchers the ability to recuperate after a natural disaster not only helps local businesses succeed, but provides food security for all of Hawai'i.

My name is Serena Kaldi and I support SB1148. Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony.

Aloha,
Serena Kaldi

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:29:21 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:54:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Aloï	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:19:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maureen Datta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:42:33 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo Kimm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 4:04:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
irene plunkett	Testifying for HFUU/Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislatures...I am sending you this letter in Support of SB1148. Farmers and Ranchers need support for natural disasters that may happen. A natural disaster is the tipping point of putting a farm or rancher out of business. This can support their efforts of at least getting them back on their feet until damages to structures, equipment and crops, live stock are assessed and repaired.

I humbly ask that you support this very important BILL.

Mahalo, Irene Plunkett-Mina

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 4:07:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
petra zoeller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 5:05:46 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to support farmers who support residents and natural disasters are inevitable, so a slush fund is needed.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 5:23:50 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Anything that helps farmers succeed should be considered!

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:13:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Forman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1148

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:53:14 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Climate change demands this if we want to eat.

SB-1148

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 2:08:48 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/1/2019 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Susan Suenaga](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:29:33 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Stephanie Whalen](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:26:48 AM

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Sincerely

From: [Melvin Matsuda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:11:08 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Susan Mulkern](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:50:11 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Sherwood Conant](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:06:11 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Frederick Mencher](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:51:05 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Valerie Correa](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 8:51:54 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Kevin Mulkern](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:21:18 AM

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Sincerely

From: [Ronald Mckeehan](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:14:44 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Carolynn Lum](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:55:38 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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From: [Barry Kim](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:50:46 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Michelle Starke](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:50:03 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Clyde Fukuyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:15:07 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Jean Brokish](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 12:34:47 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Diane C](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 12:05:26 PM

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Sincerely

From: [James Tavares](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:52:11 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Paula Carroll](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:52:55 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Guy Ward](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:04:26 PM

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Sincerely

From: [William Steiner](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:22:39 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Don Sakai](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:24:38 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [LUANA BECK](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:26:26 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Young Tarring](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:28:27 PM

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Sincerely

From: [donald sommer](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:39:51 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Hiromichi Nago](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:02:41 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Rodney & Karol Haraguchi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:02:46 PM

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Sincerely

From: [June Goya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:29:29 PM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [GLENN TOYAMA](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 6:49:37 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Phil Becker](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:22:12 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Sharon Iwasaki](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:35:29 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Stephanie Mock](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:53:35 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1148, which appropriates funds for the department of agriculture to provide grants and loans to ranchers and farmers negatively affected by natural disasters through an agricultural disaster funds program.

I work with farmers in Waimanalo and after the April 2018 flash flood, there was a lot of confusion about opportunities for farmers to apply for funding to assist their land, salvage their ag businesses and who was leading this effort. By supporting this bill, farmers & ranchers can rely on their state department of agriculture to help them with their agricultural needs especially in times of natural disasters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely

From: [Kylie Matsuda-Lum](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:58:55 AM

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, & members of the committee,

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Sincerely

From: [Jason T. Okuhama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:02:36 AM

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
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Sincerely

From: [deo rhoden](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
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From: [Merle Becker](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
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Sincerely

From: [Reid Yoshida](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 12:35:57 AM

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Sincerely

From: [Edward Kawamura](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 9:54:55 PM

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Sincerely

From: [Randy Yokoyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support SB1148
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:12:05 PM

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Sincerely

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Sincerely

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Sincerely

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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